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Overview

This bill directs the commissioner of health to award grants to community-based organizations serving ethnic communities, local public health entities, and nonprofit organizations, to fund public awareness and education activities on the dangers of skin lightening products that contain mercury.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Skin lightening products public awareness and education grant program.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose. Directs the commissioner of health to develop a grant program to increase public awareness and educate communities on the health dangers of using skin lightening products that contain mercury.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Grants authorized. Directs the commissioner to award grants to community-based organizations serving ethnic communities, local public health entities, and nonprofit organizations that provide health care and public health services to minorities, and requires the commissioner to prioritize awarding grants to organizations that have historically served communities at significant risk from these products and that have not had access to state grant funding.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Grant allocation. Requires grant funds to be used to conduct public awareness and education activities on the dangers of these products, the symptoms and health effects of mercury poisoning, and how to dispose of products with mercury. Lists information a grant application must include.</p>
2	<p>Appropriation.</p> <p>Makes blank appropriations in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the skin lightening products public awareness and education grant program.</p>



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